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SUBJ: CONTINUING DISTURBANCES AT TUNIS UNIVERSITY

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1. FACULTY OF LETTERS, WHERE DISTURBANCES OCCURRED BEFORE CHRISTMAS (TUNIS REFTELS) HAS OPERATED ONLY SPORADICALLY SINCE NEW YEAR'S. CLASSES, WHEN THEY MEET AT ALL, ARE POORLY ATTENDED. STUDENTS HAVE ATTEMPTED ORGANIZE MEETINGS AND PROTESTS, APPARENTLY STILL OVER FACT OF GOT TREATMENT OF STUDENTS TRIED AFTER BREAK-IN AT DEAN'S OFFICE.

2. USUALLY RELIABLE TUNISIAN SOURCE TELLS US THAT STUDENT MEETING LATE FIRDAY, JANUARY 9, WAS BROKEN UP BY POLICE WHO FOR THE FIRST TIME FIRED SHOTS IN THE AIR AND USED TEAR GAS. PROXIMATE CAUSE OF STUDENT UPSET THIS TIME WAS POSTING ON FACULTY BULLETIN BOARD OF NOTICE FROM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION THAT FOURTEEN STUDENTS HAD BEEN EXPELLED. STUDENTS EXPELLED ARE VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS "FREELY ELECTED STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES" AND AS "MARXIST AGITATORS ON CAMPUS."

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3. GOVERNMENT AND PARTY NEWSPAPERS HAVE IGNORED STORY
SO FAR. INDEPENDENT LE TEMPS JANUARY 11 CARRIED SHORT ITEM
THAT COURSES AT FACULTY ARE BEING DISRUPTED BY STUDENTS
BECAUSE OF THE EXPULSION NOTICE AND THAT POLICE DID DISPERSE
STUDENTS HOLDING A MEETING.

4. AS YET, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF SYMPATHY STRIKES IN REST
OF UNIVERSITY BUT THEY ARE PREDICTABLE IF TEMPERS STAY
HIGH AT FACULTY OF LETTERS.
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